

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE APPLICATION FORM

Before filling out the *Application Form*, read the *Program Announcement* carefully to determine your eligibility to apply for an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship. Be sure that you meet the eligibility requirements before you apply.

Note: Failure to complete and submit all three pages of the *Application Form* in the same envelope may delay the processing of your application.

1. **Major field of specialization:** Select only one major field. Reference: “Fields of Specialization” in the *Program Announcement*.
2. **Specialized field(s) within major field:** From the “Fields of Specialization” list, select your proposed field and enter the code number and name on the designated line. If the “other” category is applicable, list the appropriate “other” code number and enter the name of your specialized field. **Women in Engineering and Computer and Information Science award:** For purposes of evaluation, only those fields listed under “Engineering” or “Computer and Information Science and Engineering” on the “Fields of Specialization” list will be regarded as engineering or computer science fields; all women who apply in one of those fields will automatically be considered for a Women in Engineering and Computer and Information Science award.
3. **Multidisciplinary programs:** If your graduate program is multidisciplinary, indicate your primary field of study and the percent of effort in your overall program. Likewise, indicate your other or secondary fields and the percent of effort. Refer to the “Fields of Specialization.” If a field is not contained in this list, please list the field and the percent of effort.
4. **Degree goal:** Enter the name of the highest level degree toward which you expect to work while on your proposed fellowship tenure. For example, if two years of your fellowship tenure are spent in earning a master’s degree and one year of your tenure on a PhD program, list the PhD as your ultimate degree goal.
5. **Educational institution chosen:** Select carefully the institution you wish to attend. List only one. **You need not have been accepted at your chosen institution before listing its name on this form.** If, after submitting the application, you decide to change the institution you wish to attend, notify ORAU immediately in writing. Also list your chosen department within the institution.
6. **Location of institution:** Include the city and state or country. Do not abbreviate.
7. **Proposed starting date of fellowship:** Recipients may begin fellowship tenure in the summer of 1997 but must begin tenure no later than the beginning of the 1997 fall term. For the date, use the “mm/yy” format.
8. **Colleges or universities attended:** Starting with the current or most recent college/university (including its location), indicate the beginning and ending date attending, degree awarded or expected and date, and the major field of study. For dates, use the “mm/yy” format.
9. **Current enrollment:** If currently enrolled in a college/university, indicate whether full-time or part-time. Also indicate the level whether undergraduate, graduate, or postbaccalaureate. If you are not currently enrolled, indicate your present occupation or profession.
10. This question refers to graduate study in all fields of science, mathematics, and engineering.
11. This question refers to all advanced degrees earned in a field supported by the NSF since October 1, 1986.
12. Indicate any earned medical degree such as MD, DDS, or DVM.

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13. Refers to enrollment in a five-year joint baccalaureate-master's degree program.
14. **Information regarding the GRE test(s)** you took or plan to take will facilitate reporting of your scores by ETS for purposes of evaluation in this program. (See GRE Information Sheet.) Indicate whether you have or have not taken the GRE General Test and indicate the date on which you took or plan to take the test. Indicate whether you have or have not taken a GRE Subject Test, provide the name of the test and the date on which you took or plan to take the test. For the dates, use the "mm/yy" format.
15. **Number of graduate hours you have completed since receipt of your last bachelor's degree:** List the institution and number of graduate hours (including course work, research, seminars, and independent study) completed since October 1, 1986. Include only work supported by this program. **Read carefully the "Eligibility" section in the *Program Announcement* before answering this question.** For the dates, use the "mm/yy" format.
16. **Individuals chosen to submit Reference Reports:** Choose faculty members, scientists, or engineers whose knowledge of your academic and/or professional experience and ability is current. NSF suggests that at least two should be persons with whom you have worked in your present (or most recent) department. It is desirable to have the consent of each referee before his or her name is entered on the application. Inform each referee that you will give him or her an NSF *Reference Report Form* to complete. Reference Reports must be received at ORAU no later than December 12, 1996.
17. **Language knowledge:** What is your native tongue?
18. **List other languages**, and indicate your reading, speaking, understanding and writing knowledge of each.
19. **List all fellowships**, scholarships, teaching and other positions relevant to your field held since entering college/university. Begin with the most recent position/scholarship.
20. **List all academic honors** you have received relevant to your major field of study.
21. **Relate the objectives of your educational program** to your long-range goals. In what ways are your educational goals relevant to your professional goals? Attach an additional sheet if necessary. Be sure to include your name and Social Security Number if you attach an additional sheet.
22. **Describe any educational and personal experience** you consider relevant to the objectives and goals previously stated in your educational program and to your *Proposed Plan of Study or Research*. Include volunteer and extracurricular activities and work experience you consider applicable. Attach an additional sheet if necessary. Again, include your name and Social Security Number if you attach an additional sheet.

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last first middle Jr,II,etc

1. Proposed major field of specialization: _____

2. Specialized field(s) within major field: _____
code number specialized field

3. If your graduate program is multidisciplinary, list the fields which comprise the program:

Primary field: _____ % of program.

Other field(s): _____ %; _____ %; _____ %

4. What is the highest level degree toward which you expect to work while on your fellowship tenure?

_____ in _____
degree field

5. Educational institution chosen: _____ Department: _____

6. Location of institution: _____
city state or country

7. Proposed starting date of fellowship: _____ / _____ (mm/yy)

8. Colleges or universities attended and their location:
(current or most recent enrollment first)

Dates attended from (mm/yy)	to (mm/yy)	Degree(s) awarded/ expected	Date(s) of degree (mm/yy)	Major Field (abbr.)
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9. Are you currently enrolled in an educational institution? _____yes _____no

If yes: _____ Full time or _____ Part time

If yes: _____ Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____ Unclassified postbaccalaureate

If no, state your present occupation: _____

10. Have you completed, after October 1, 1986, more than 20 semester hours or 30 quarter hours (or their equivalent) of graduate study (course work, research, seminars, and independent study) in fields supported by this program?

_____yes _____no

11. Have you earned, after October 1, 1986, an advanced degree in science, mathematics, engineering or other fields supported by this program?

_____yes _____no

12. Have you earned any medical degree, such as the MD, DDS, or DVM?

_____yes _____no

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13. Are you in a five-year joint baccalaureate-master's degree program? _____yes _____no

14. Have you taken or do you plan to take the GRE General Test? _____yes _____no Date: ____/____/____ (mm/yy)

Have you taken or do you plan to take a GRE Subject Test? _____yes _____no Date: ____/____/____ Field: _____
(mm/yy)

15. Have you completed any graduate study? _____yes _____no

If yes:

Institution	Department	Dates Attended from to (mm/yy) (mm/yy)	Graduate Hrs. Earned Sem. Qtr.
_____	_____	____/____/____	____
_____	_____	____/____/____	____
_____	_____	____/____/____	____
_____	_____	____/____/____	____
_____	_____	____/____/____	____

16. Names and institutional or organizational affiliations of four individuals submitting Reference Reports:

Last Name	First Name	MI	Institution/Organization
_____	_____	____	_____
_____	_____	____	_____
_____	_____	____	_____
_____	_____	____	_____

17. What is your primary language? _____

18. Enter other language(s) and indicate your knowledge of each by placing an "X" in the proper space:

Language	Reading			Speaking			Understanding			Writing		
	Exc	Good	Fair	Exc	Good	Fair	Exc	Good	Fair	Exc	Good	Fair
_____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____
_____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____
_____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____	____

19. List all fellowships, scholarships, teaching, and other positions relevant to your field held since entering college/university (most recent first).

Title/Position	Institution/Organization	Date (mm/yy)
_____	_____	____/____/____
_____	_____	____/____/____
_____	_____	____/____/____
_____	_____	____/____/____

20. Academic Honors: _____

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21. In a concise statement, relate the objectives of your educational program to your long-range professional goals. **Do not use the same statement in your *Proposed Plan of Study or Research*.**

22. Describe any educational and personal experience that you consider relevant to the objectives and goals stated above and to your *Proposed Plan of Study or Research*. Include in your statement: participation in relevant volunteer and extracurricular activities; professional and work experience or work-training experience; any other significant accomplishments and background information. Use an extra sheet of paper if necessary. **(Note that any scientific research activities, including experience in undergraduate research participation programs and student-originated studies programs, should be described on the *Previous Research Experience Form*.)**

By submission of this application, I hereby certify that I am a United States citizen or national or a permanent resident alien legally admitted to the United States and that the information I have provided on the Fellowship application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize Oak Ridge Associated Universities to request and the Educational Testing Service to report all of my Graduate Record Examinations scores from the GRE data base from tests administered since October 1, 1991.

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